



COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION

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April 17, 2012

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Supervisors:

ADOPTED

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

17 April 17, 2012

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EXECUTIVE OFFICER

**APPROVE THE REQUEST TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE
LOS ANGELES COUNTY REGIONAL PARK AND OPEN SPACE DISTRICT FOR COUNTY
EXCESS FUNDS AVAILABLE TO THE FIFTH SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT TO FUND THE
WILLIAM S. HART PARK ENTRANCE RENOVATION PROJECT
(FIFTH DISTRICT) (3 VOTES)**

SUBJECT

Approval of the recommendations will allow the Department of Parks and Recreation to submit a grant application to the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District for County Excess Funds, available to the Fifth Supervisorial District, pursuant to the Los Angeles County Safe Neighborhood Parks Proposition of 1996, in the amount of \$315,000 to partially fund the William S. Hart Park Entrance Renovation Project.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

1. Find the proposed project categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act because the project consists of replacement of existing structures, installation of new, smaller structures, and minor alterations to the condition of the land as stated in the letter herein.
2. Approve the request to submit a grant application to the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District for County Excess Funds, available to the Fifth Supervisorial District, pursuant to the Los Angeles County Safe Neighborhood Parks Proposition of 1996, in the amount of \$315,000, to partially fund the William S. Hart Park Entrance Renovation Project.
3. Authorize the Director of the Department of Parks and Recreation, or his designee, as agent of the County, to accept the grant funds, conduct all negotiations, and submit all documents, including, but not limited to, the project agreement, amendments, and payment requests, which may be necessary

for the completion of the project.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

Your Board's approval of the recommendations will allow the Department of Parks and Recreation (Department) to submit a grant application to the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District (District) for County Excess Funds, available to the Fifth Supervisorial District, pursuant to the Safe Neighborhood Parks Proposition of 1996 (1996 Proposition), in the amount of \$315,000, to partially fund the William S. Hart Park Entrance Renovation Project (Project).

The project is located at 24151 Newhall Avenue, Newhall. The scope of work will consist of the following: replace the existing chain link fence with a masonry and wrought iron fence along Newhall Avenue; install wrought iron entry gates, irrigation system, and landscaping at the pedestrian and vehicle access points; install lights and signage such as an electronic marquee and other related signs at the park access points; and pave and align the road at the staff entrance.

In a related action on today's agenda, the District is recommending the allocation of \$315,000 in County Excess Funds for the Project.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The recommended actions will further the Board-approved County Strategic Plan Goals of Operational Effectiveness (Goal 1) by enhancing safe and accessible recreational opportunities for residents and visitors to Los Angeles County.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

The estimated total project cost is \$1,000,000. The proposed project will be partially funded with \$315,000 in County Excess Funds available to the Fifth Supervisorial District. Additional funding of \$685,000 will be from Fifth Supervisorial District Capital Project net County cost. Sufficient appropriation for the grant is budgeted in the Fifth Supervisorial District's portion of the District's Excess Funds Project Fund.

OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT

Based on the project description, the Department anticipates one-time (start-up) costs of approximately \$16,000 for maintenance equipment, and ongoing costs of approximately \$67,000 for maintenance, personnel, supplies, and tools resulting from the recommended actions. The Department will work with the Chief Executive Office to determine the appropriate level of funding and submit a New Facilities Request in the same year in which the project completes.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

The 1996 Proposition requires that agencies to which funds were allocated under the Safe Neighborhood Parks Propositions of 1992 and 1996 encumber all such funds prior to receiving grants of Excess Funds. The Department has met this requirement.

County Counsel has approved this Board Letter as to form

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

The proposed project is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) according to Sections 15302, 15303, and 15304 the State CEQA Guidelines and Classes 2, 3, and 4 of the Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines, adopted by your Board on November 17, 1987 because the project consists of replacement of existing structures, installation of new, smaller structures, and minor alterations to the condition of the land.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

These actions will have no impact on any other projects or services at William S. Hart Regional Park.

CONCLUSION

Please instruct the Executive Officer-Clerk of the Board to return one adopted copy of this letter to the Chief Executive Office, Capital Projects Division, and one to the Department of Parks and Recreation.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Russ Guiney", is written over a light blue horizontal line.

RUSS GUINEY

Director

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Enclosures

c: Chief Executive Office
County Counsel
Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors

Los Angeles County Chief Executive Office

Grant Management Statement for Grants \$100,000 or More

Department: County of Los Angeles Department of Parks and Recreation

Grant Project Title and Description

William S. Hart Park Entrance Renovation Project: The scope of work will consist of the following: replace the existing chain link fence with a masonry and wrought iron fence along Newhall Avenue; install wrought iron entry gates, irrigation system, and landscaping at the pedestrian and vehicle access points; install lights and signage such as an electronic marquee and other related signs at the park access points; and pave and align the road at the staff entrance.

Funding Agency

LA County Regional
Park and Open Space
District

Program (Fed. Grant #/State Bill or Code #)

Local Grant Program: Safe
Neighborhood Parks Proposition of 1996

Grant Acceptance Deadline

N/A

Total Amount of Grant Funding: \$315,000

County Match: None

Grant Period: April 2012 through May 2013

Begin Date:
April 2012

End Date:
May 2013

Number of Personnel Hired Under This Grant:

Full Time: N/A

Part Time: N/A

Obligations Imposed on the County When the Grant Expires

Will all personnel hired for this program be informed this is a grant-funded program? N/A

Yes:

No:

Will all personnel hired for this program be placed on temporary ("N") items? N/A

Yes:

No:

Is the County obligated to continue this program after the grant expires? N/A

Yes:

No:

If the County is not obligated to continue this program after the grant expires, the Department will: N/A

a.) Absorb the program cost without reducing other services

Yes:

No:

b.) Identify other revenue sources (describe below)

Yes:

No:

c.) Eliminate or reduce, as appropriate, positions/program costs funded by the grant.

Yes:

No:

Impact of additional personnel on existing space:

Other requirements not mentioned above:

Department Head Signature:  Date: 3-21-12